

Reading Response Journals

Learning Targets:

CCSS W 7.9 I can use the text to support my own thinking about my reading.

CCSS RL 7.1 I can analyze an author's words and determine multiple pieces of textual evidence needed to support both explicit and inferential questions.

Directions: 1.) Choose one of the prompts below that makes sense for your book at this time. 2.) Use your book and your brain to provide a response on the provided paper in the structured format. 3.) Turn in your journal on your assigned due date.

Structure: I will write journals in complete sentences with proper conventions including punctuation and spelling. Journal entries will restate the prompt, include textual evidence and support, and leave readers with a final thought.

Prompts:

- I think the author keeps this story moving by...
- I think the author put a character like this in the story because...
- I think the author's purpose (think about the theme/life lesson) for writing this story is...
- I found the author's character(s) had strengths and weaknesses. They were...
- I think the author picked this kind of setting because...
- I think the genre of this books is _____ because...

Example:

Book Title: Full Tilt Author: Neal Shusterman

Prompt: I think the author keeps the story moving by...

Response:

I think Neal Shusterman keeps the story, Full Tilt, moving by adding elements of suspense. For example, in the text on page 8 it states, "All at once the train swung around an outside curve, its riders screaming with joy, completely unaware of my idiot brother directly in their path." This quote made me want to turn the page quickly to find out what was going to happen to Quinn hanging on the roller coaster to get his hat. Again on page 15 Shusterman writes about the Kamikaze. I remembered that the characters died on the Kamikaze from the beginning of the book so I was nervously anticipating something tragic was about to happen - especially when Blake said, "I could do nothing but scream as the Kamikaze left the track, the rumbling and rattling giving way to a deadly silence as smooth as wet ice, then a vertical drop, spiraling at the full force of gravity." I was sitting on the edge of my seat when I read this! Another example of suspense is when Blake got the invitation from Cassandra. It made me suspicious since it is to ride from midnight to dawn, and Blake said there is nothing there but an old quarry. Shusterman has created an exciting novel that I look forward to reading!

Name: _____ Date: _____ Hour: _____

Book Title: _____ Author: _____

Prompt: _____

Response:

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